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AM 2010-036


Consider Ordinance Addressing Public Safety Radio Amplification Systems

Agenda Date: Town Board Meeting - March 23, 2010

Attachments:

- a. Proposed Ordinance Amending Building Code
- b. Memo from Frederick-Firestone Fire Protection District

Fiscal Note: N/A


Finance Director

Submitted by: Richard Jeffler 
Staff Title – Town Engineer

Approved for Presentation: 
Town Administrator

AV Use Anticipated Projector _____ Laptop _____

Certification of Board Approval: _____
Town Clerk Date

Summary Statement:

The proposed amendment to the Municipal Code incorporates resolutions to certain recently-identified emergency communication concerns not currently addressed in the Town Fire Code.

Detail of Issue/Request:

David P. Puccetti, Division Chief, for the Frederick-Firestone Protection District, which protects the Town of Frederick, has identified certain emergency communication concerns not currently addressed in the Town Fire Code that bear on the health and safety of people working in and rescue responders called to commercial buildings with more than 50,000 ft2 of interior space. Chief Puccetti noticed the Town Building Official

of these concerns in a memo dated January 25, 2010. The proposed amendments to the Fire Code, as contained in the Frederick Building Code, at Chapter 18, Article 1 of the Frederick Municipal Code, incorporates Chief Puccetti's concerns

Legal/Political Considerations:

Heightening commercial building standards to facilitate greater safety for first-responders provides for more efficient service and greater public safety

Alternatives/Options:

Decline to adopt the revisions until such time as more conclusive evidence of effectiveness is brought to the Trustees, or adopt a standard as applicable only to a larger size of building, e.g., only those over 100,000 ft².

Financial Considerations:

Costs will be borne by builders, rather than Town. As provided in Chief Puccetti's memo, the estimated costs are \$.38 cents per sq. ft for a building 0- 150,000 sf up to \$.50 cents per sq. ft. for buildings 150,000 sq ft or larger.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends Approval of the proposed ordinance